

ABSTRACT

A method for tracking facsimile jobs may be employed to examine,
5 at an originating device, an incoming facsimile transmission for information
indicating that the transmission originated at the originating device, in which case
the incoming message is determined to be a return message which is the result of
an error condition. In a preferred embodiment, a return message so determined
is not printed, whereas other types of incoming messages are determined to be
10 valid for printing and are processed accordingly. Further, certain incoming
messages that are detected as representing "round-trip jobs" are distinguished
from return messages and the former are considered valid for printing.